

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 6, amend the second paragraph as follows:

Second plate 24 is movable toward third plate 30 by displacing elongated rod 26 downwardly toward the playing surface and thereby positioning tee 40 into the playing surface and the ball 38 in a playable position on tee 40 when elongated rod 26 and second plate 24 are moved upwardly and away from ball 38 and tee 40. Second plate 24 has a lower surface 27 that is configured as shown in Figure 1 to receive the circular surface of the ball.

Page 6, amend the third paragraph as follows:

A convenient stand 42 is shown in Fig. 5 in the retracted or stored position and, in Fig. 6, in the active position maintaining the upper end of rod 18 in an elevated position for convenience to the user. Utilizing stand 42 in this manner will keep moisture from the ground away from the end of the device being used by the player. Figure 5 also illustrates the provision of a notch in the elongated rod first end sufficient in size to snugly receive a tee lying flat on the playing surface and retain it as it is raised from the playing surface.